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SUBJ: HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL COMMERCIAL LOCAL EMPLOYEE

REF: BRIDGETOWN 0830 (1973)

FOR ARA/MGT/M

1. PURPOSE OF THIS TELEGRAM IS TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN EMBASSY'S NEED FOR ONE PROFESSIONAL FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL TO SPECIALIZE IN COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS. PRESENT STAFFING PATTERN OF ONE AMERICAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER (WHO ALSO HANDLES AID, SDAF, CIVAIR, SCIENCE, POPULATION, AND ECONOMIC REPORTING) AND ONE FSL SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST IS CLEARLY INADEQUATE TO PROVIDE COMMERCIAL PROGRAM WITH EMPHASIS IT DESERVES AND TO PROVIDE SENSE OF CONTINUITY WITH EMBASSY CONTACTS IN COMMERCIAL FIELD. RATIONALE FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL POSITION IN REFTEL IS EVEN MORE VALID TODAY IN VIEW OF INCREASED STRESS ON EXPORT EXPANSION AND ASSISTANCE TO U.S. BUSINESSMEN. EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LOCAL WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO BE IN KEEPING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF JANUARY 1973 OMB STAFF REPORT "COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC REPRESENTATION ABROAD" WHICH URGED WIDER USE OF LOCAL TALENT IN COMMERCIAL WORK.

2. EXTREMELY CAPABLE FSL SECRETARY HANDLES WTDR'S, SOME OF ADS PROGRAM, COMMERCIAL LIBRARY AS WELL AS TRADE INQUIRIES; HOWEVER, NEED IS FOR PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED MAN WITH WIDE CONTACTS AND EXPERIENCE IN COMMERCIAL AREA. ALTHOUGH TOTAL POPULATION HERE IS SMALL, HMG RECOGNITION OF MARKET VALUE IS EVIDENCED BY FACT THAT

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9 PERSONS IN BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION WORK FULL TIME IN COMMERCIAL

FIELD AND THAT DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER (DCM) SPENDS ABOUT 30
PERCENT OF HIS TIME ON COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON EMBASSY'S REQUEST.
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